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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
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JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS
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SUBJECT: AUGUST 14, 1998, SDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE
CALL SUMMARY

A summary of the August 14, 1998, SDA Advisory Committee conference call is attached. If you have questions regarding the summary, please contact John Croft, Manager, Administration and Capacity Building Section, at (916) 653-0613.

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Attachment

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

August 14, 1998
Sacramento

Participants

Steve Arcelona, Harry Chapman, Private Industry Council (PIC) of San Francisco, Inc.
Mike Curran, North Santa Clara Valley Job Training Consortium
Sue Cleere-Flores, Los Angeles City
Joe Daniel, Tulare County PIC
Larry Fitch, San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc.
Greg Irish and Cecelia Espinola, Santa Cruz County
Kay Ross for Keith Lee, San Bernardino County
Terry Smith-Tatum, Merced County
Ray Worden, Long Beach City

Bill Burke, Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD)
Ken Budman, Labor Market Information Division (LMID)
Liz Clingman, JTPD
John Croft, JTPD
Jim Curtis, JTPD
Phil Hardiman, LMID
Bob Hermsmeier, JTPD
Joel Hessing, LMID
Vicki Johnsrud, Workforce Policy Division
Brendan Kelly, LMID
Don Migge, JTPD
Jim Rostron, Compliance Review Division (CRD)
Dean Smith, State Job Training Coordinating Council (SJTCC)
Kathy Becker, CRD

Announcements

Mr. Greg Irish, Santa Cruz County SDA, accepted a position with the District of Columbia SDA. Cecelia Espinola, Santa Cruz County agency administrator was introduced. Mr. Ray Worden, Long Beach City, was introduced and welcomed as a member of the Advisory Committee.

Hot Topics

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998

Initial bill analysis and issue identification has begun at the state level. As information from external partners becomes available, JTPD will distribute information bulletins as necessary, and will provide Internet addresses of those organizations with information relative to the WIA. The Department of Labor (DOL) and the National Governors' Association (NGA) each has a side-by-side analysis of the bill that can be viewed on their web site.

- Update on One-Stop Certification

With the passage of the new workforce legislation, further action cannot take place until the certification expectations of the bill are known. Members restated their support to establish the PIC as the one-stop local entity, that placement of new criteria and the recommendation for separate one-stop governing boards does not build upon established strengths within the existing PIC structure.

It was acknowledged that a misunderstanding occurred during discussion of this subject at the July 10 Advisory meeting. Vicki Johnsrud assured the Advisory Committee that it is not the intent of the one-stop task force to create new governing boards unless it is a local choice.

The One-Stop State Plan certification process is likely to be placed on hold until the WIA is implemented. The state's One-Stop Office is waiting for direction from DOL Region IX regarding certification, as well as availability and usage of third-year grant money, which may need to be renegotiated and coordinated with the workforce bill.

- Status of Welfare-to-Work Practitioners' Forum

Sponsored by the Employment Development Department, DOL, Department of Health and Human Services, and the California Workforce Association, the forum will be held September 17 and 18, 1998, at the West Coast Anaheim Hotel, Anaheim, CA. A Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Information Bulletin will be released soon and will include all logistical information, including a registration form.

- Implementation of Waivers

Of the 17 SDAs requesting one or more waiver(s), 8 met the criteria for approval as outlined in the draft directive, *Implementation of JTPA Waivers*. The JTPD program managers will work with the SDAs to ensure submission of all Waiver Checklists and Performance Agreements. An information bulletin will be sent to the SDAs at the end of August as a reminder that each must submit their checklist. Each SDA in turn will receive notification from the state that their checklist was received and the waivers were approved.

Waiver requests are retroactive to the approval date. Statewide waivers, including cost categories, were effective July 1, 1998; optional waivers were effective when approved. Release of the draft directive relative to WtW reporting requirements is imminent pending clarification from DOL regarding the application of waiver cost categories to all funds.

Status of WtW Program

As of the date of the conference call, the JTPD had approved 29 WtW local plans--five were in the review process; six had issues needing resolution; four were still outstanding. Subgrants have been mailed to the SDAs. All subgrants were dated June 30, 1998; SDAs can incur costs as of that date.

The JTPD, with the assistance of 49 readers, read and scored 182 Governor's 15 percent proposals. Recommendations for funding will be forwarded to Ray Remy by August 24. A Governor's press release may be out September 1.

Develop Agenda Items for September SDA Quarterly Meeting

The following topics were suggested agenda items for the September SDA Quarterly meeting: update on one-stop co-location issues with Haven Bays; issue identification/information relative to the WIA; Title III update.

Discussion of LMID Title III Proposals

The following LMID Title III proposals were presented for input from the Advisory Committee.

- Install Worksmart in all SDAs—As a PC-based, self-help system, Worksmart would assist entry-level job seekers to learn soft skills required by employers. Select occupational information, including wage rates and work opportunities based on occupational projections, would also be available.

While it was agreed that more information is needed, LMID offered to demonstrate Worksmart at the October Advisory Committee meeting. The members agreed not to forward the proposal for further action at this time. Concern was expressed that the system may not utilize the expertise of the SDA infrastructure, nor is it Internet accessible.

- Area Services to SDAs—a composite of three products, the proposal elements include a one-day training session: "Making Labor Market Information Work for You," the automated client service tool: "ASK for LMI," and local labor market consultant services.

Members expressed interest in the proposal and would like to see follow-up and evaluation criteria built into the proposal as a measurement tool for determining SDA value and sustainability of clients' skills.

The LMID will work with JTPD to establish the funding amount and present the proposal for further consideration at a future Advisory Committee meeting.

- Comprehensive Occupational Wage Report—generated from LMID’s Occupational Employment Statistics database, customized reports of industry/statewide staffing patterns and wage data can be provided to SDAs and one-stop customers. Local and regional occupational data reports could also be generated from the database. While information can be broken out utilizing census tracking data, a confidentiality issue may restrict its use.

The LMID will work with JTPD to establish the funding amount and present the proposal for further consideration at a future Advisory Committee meeting.

The conference call concluded at noon.